

SWEET DEATH.
BY CHRISTINA HOTTET.
The sweetest blossoms die,
And so it was that, going day by day
Unto the church to pray and pray,
And crossing the green churchyard thoughtfully,
I saw how on the grave the flowers
Shed their fresh leaves in showers,
And their perfume rose up to the sky
Before it passed away.
The young blossoms die,
They die, and fall, and moulder in the rich
earth,
From whence they lately had their birth,
Sweet life, but sweeter death that passeth by,
And is a thought that has not been:
All colors turn to green,
The bright hues vanish, and the colors fly,
The grass hath loosed its worth,
And youth and beauty die,
So better, O my God, thou child of truth!
Be thou but beauty, and then youth
Are mine and mine a glad company,
And thou, O Lord, our God and King,
Art better far than these.
Why should we shrink from our full harvest
Yest! Way
Prefer to glean with Ruth!

MISCELLANEOUS.
The constancy of the wise is only the art of keeping disquietude to oneself.
Vast, colossal destiny, which raises man to fame, though it may also grind him to powder.
Religion converts despair, which destroys, into resignation, which sustains.
Whiststones are not themselves able to cut, but must have iron sharp and capable of cutting.
How poor, how rich, how subject, how august, how complicated, how wonderful is man!

A Missouri exchange says: A beautiful poem, entitled "The dead the silent majority." That is a very fine thought, and now let Junius stop parting his name in the middle.—Brooklyn Argus.

At a recent marriage ceremony at Lexington, East Sussex, England, the wedding was placed on the third day of the bride's left foot—because she had no hands.

Self-satisfaction is the compensation of failure. The discontented and self-uplifting and remorseful that it accomplishes so little.

Miss Emma Brough, daughter of Ex-Governor Brough, of Ohio, has married John W. Meyer, of Oakland, California. The honeymoon is in its full tide at Lake Tahoe.

The Detroit Free Press: "The Quakers of New York numbered eighty less than two years ago, and they've got to throw away their single bedsteads or become an extinct sect."

Mrs. Stowe doesn't allow the ladies of Castine, Me., who are disjourning, to stow away any information from her regarding what they think about her brother Henry. "Frigidity" is the word.

Morriety's winnings the present season at the race-track and clubhouse are put at \$300,000. This is divided with his partners, Reed and McCormick. Why can you say that vice does not flourish?

If, about these times, you should accidentally get into an orchard and draw two pears, and the old man should happen along with a full hand of clubs, pass out—he might raise you.

One reason why Wisconsin hired girls for four dollars per week, is because they have to go down stairs at midnight to investigate strange noises while the man of the house takes up a position under the bed.

The town of Steuben, Me., preserves in its archives an autograph receipt of the late James Gordon Bennett for \$18 70, being his munificent remuneration for two and a half months of school teaching in 1810.

Since the development of the relations of Germany to the United States it seems just possible that Schmidt, whom the Carlisle shot as a spy, was really there in the interest of his government, and not of a newspaper.

The New York Herald says that "as agent for the Chicago Exposition has offered Mr. Beecher \$75,000 for fifty nights' lecturing next season at the Exposition, and telegraphed yesterday the same offer to Mr. Tilton."

A correspondent of the N. York World congratulates the editor of that Democratic paper, and the Democracy generally, that not a single Democrat is in any way mixed up in the Beecher-Tilton-Bowen-Moulton-Carpenter free-love nastiness.

An Irishman found a government blanket recently, and rolling it up put it under his arm and walked off, saying: "Yes, that's mine—U for Ulster, and S for McCarthy. Be so slow, but this learnin' is a fine thing, as me father would say; for if I hadn't an education, I wouldn't have been findin' me blanket."

When Young Mr. Spitzer left home for college he took leave of his mother in this manner: "Mother, I will write often and think of you constantly." When he returned, two years later, he remarked to the anxious parent: "Deah mother, I greet you once more!" Imagine the feelings of a fond mother.—Terre Haute Express.

Mr. Jule Perkins, of Vermont, "the coming basso profundo," says that the change of his name to "Signor Giulio Perkins" is the work of his London managers. On one occasion all the rest of the basses were styled "Mr." on the bills, and Perkins asked Manager Mapleson to treat him in the same way. "No," said he, "I have plenty of 'Mr.' Basses; I must have a 'Signor' Basso."

While grace, mercy, and peace were at flood-tide in Plymouth Church on Friday evening, it will be remembered that Frank arose and addressed an observation to a young man by the name of "Raymond." The young man dropped his left ear on his shoulder to catch the remark, and so Frank repeated it. Thereupon we are told several hundred hands were thrust into several hundred pistol pockets, and grace, mercy, and peace overtook in a perfect convulsion.—Brooklyn Argus.

The manager of a French provincial theater has set a wholesome example, which the profession might do worse than follow. Having received so many complaints from his patrons about the enormous height of the ladies' hats, he issued a notice in large letters on the play bills reading thus: "The manager begs that all good-looking ladies will remove their hats for the accommodation of the rest of the audience. The aged, the bald and the plain-looking are expected to comply with this request." From that night not a lady's hat or bonnet was to be seen in the theater.—Boston Post.

ABOUT WOMEN.
Women belonging to the Church of Scotland can now vote for or against any proposed minister.
Cedar Rapids women screech "fire" when their husbands begin to wipe the floor with them.
Some Boston girls are about to establish a sock-darning factory, for the benefit of friendless young bachelors.
Chicago has a rich young lady who has a strange mania for buying dogs. She has invested \$7,000 in them so far.
A Princeton (Ia.) woman was recently stung on the arm by a common housefly, and died in twenty minutes.
A woman, while exhorting at a prayer meeting at Lockport, N. Y., last week, fell in a fit and died almost instantly.
An Arizona girl has a fortune of 10,000 head of cattle, and threatens to go to Chicago to escape the importunities of candidates for her hand.
Tolly Bickford of North Wakefield, who is over 104 years old, had a tooth drawn the other day, and, as he has but one left, she contemplates getting a set of false ones.
These little Swiss trinkets so commonly seen in Europe are becoming very fashionable here, and the girl of the period makes a fine display of the pretty necklaces on her precious person.
A correspondent explains that married men have their hair cut short during the vacation because they do not, in the absence of their wives, need it to defend the blow of the rolling pin.
Combination dresses are in high favor now, and will be probably next winter. The combinations are not always in harmony in the matter of color, but that doesn't appear to distress anybody very much.
Speaking of engagements, there is a lovely little blonde, aged ten, at Saratoga, who wears a diamond solitaire on her engagement finger, and is actually betrothed to a young man of nineteen.—Saratoga Correspondence.
The Lowell Courier says there is a noticeable increase in drunkenness among the young women of that city. Girls 15, 16 and 18 years old have been arrested on the streets for this offense within a few days.
The list of women saloon-keepers in the city is nearly as large as that of the men. This is accounted for by the fact that many of the saloons now consider their establishments safer, in case of business failure, in their wives' names.—Chicago Journal.
Mrs. Tracy, of Missouri, had been sick a long time, and Tracy had her coffin in the barn. When she died the coffin was found four inches too short, and the neighbors wouldn't even let him saw off four inches of the body to make it fit.
Louette Fay, the retired French actress, who was once the only rival of Mlle. Mars in high comedy, devotes her whole life to good deeds. Some one terms her a "St. Vincent de Paul in petticoats," and it is said that the common people declare she has visions and other divine favors.
When they want to find out in the country if a girl is courting or not, an old lady steps in and remarks: "I say! there ain't no one sick in this house or nothin', is there? I seem like I'm burnin' high into twelve o'clock last night, but I don't smell no camphire nor nothin' round!"
Anna Dickinson says that it is as much as she can do to resist lifting her chair back and putting her feet on the window-sill. Only one objection is that her shoes might fall off and kill some innocent horse standing under the window.—Free Press.
It is very convenient for Mrs. McElmurray at the watering place, where she has her breakfast when she gets up late. A net and hat hides negligence, and is not uncomfortable. Besides some McElmurray look better with hats on than off, as almost everybody knows.
Mlle. Agar, the great French actress, who has appeared in London, is described as a young and intellectually beautiful woman, with fine hair, a noble brow, and supreme grace of figure and movement.—The whole house rose to her at the end of her performance in Corneille's Les Horaces.
Detroit Free Press: We are holding on like grim death to our confidence in Susan B. Anthony. If it turns out that a woman as old and ugly as she, having for the past forty years to take hot bricks to bed with her in July, has been guilty of anything or other, we'll let the whole world go by the board.
Miss Lilly Condon, the original of Rinehart's "Hebe," has married Antonio Teodolito, Marchese di San Vito—a handsome young man with a fine aristocratic bearing, and the old Roman medieval type. Miss Condon is described as beautiful as an angel—tall and graceful, with brown eyes, and hair as golden as Fra Angelico painted on his Madonna.
Mrs. Colla Burleigh, a widely-known speaker and writer in reform circles, and widow of the late Wm. H. Burleigh, the Connecticut poet, has recently gone to the City Hospital in Rochester, New York, probably to spend her last weeks, she being far advanced in consumption. She has, it is stated, neither a home nor near relatives.—Philadelphia Press.
At the recent annual examination at Harvard College of women as candidates for collegiate honors, only seven appeared. They all preferred to be questioned on elementary physics rather than elementary botany. Between Greek, German and Latin, one elected Greek, three Latin and three German.—Four passed and received certificates entitling them to enter for the advanced examination, two were partially successful, and one was rejected. The examination continued six days, and was five hours long each day.
The first requirement of fashion for the next six months is, apparently, jet every where and on most any thing. So much ornament never was dreamed of before. A fashionable woman will glitter from the top-head on the crest of her highly fingered, to the last loop on the velvet bow that covers her foot from instep to toe. Jet emeralds covers the bust and is massed on the back. It encircles the waist in a broad band from which depend heavy fringes and points. It is seen thickly in the face of silk apron of the over-skirt, and it flows down the under-skirt, and is involved in all the intricacy of the elaborate bonnet affair. The aged, the bald and the plain-looking are expected to comply with this request. From that night not a lady's hat or bonnet was to be seen in the theater.—Boston Post.

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